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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Planning Board Workshop Approved Minutes

June 10th, 2020

7:00 pm at Community Development Meeting Room & Zoom Video Conference
3 North Lowell Road

Attendance:

Chair, Derek Monson, Present
Vice Chair, Alan Carpenter, Present, via Zoom video conference
Joe Bradley, Present, via Zoom video conference, seated at 7:55pm
Jennean Mason, Present, via Zoom video conference
Ruth-Ellen Post, Excused
Jacob Cross, Present, via Zoom video conference
Matt Rounds (alternate), Excused
Gabe Toubia (alternate), Excused
Heath Partington, Board of Selectmen liaison, Present, via Zoom video conference
Dave Curto, Chair Conservation Commission, Present, via Zoom video conference
Dick Gregory- Planning Board Director
Renee Mallett- Minute Taker, via Zoom video conference

The workshop opened at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance and the introduction of members. On March 23rd, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Governor Sununu created Emergency Order #12. This has relaxed the requirements of RSA 91-A, III(c) and allowed the meeting to be held while still following the CDC guidelines for social distancing and the Governor's restrictions on gathering of more than 10 people. As such most of the board members took part via Zoom video conference. The public was given a phone conference number with which to comment or ask questions while the workshop was in session.

Mr. Curto, Chair of the Conservation Commission, suggested renaming the Open Space Sub-Division to a Conservation Sub-Division. He also presented a series of suggested language changes to the associated ordinances. However, Open Space Sub-Division is a nationally recognized term and it was suggested that it might not be advantageous to replace it for that reason. Mr. Cross agreed with Mr. Curto's assertion that open space is sometimes abused in that it is not open to all.

Mr. Curto also wanted to explore the idea of limiting private wells for properties already serviced by community wells. There was some concern that this might impede on homeowners' rights. Vice Chair Carpenter suggested there might be other ways to curb water use without taking this exact approach.

Mr. Partington was asked about the possibility of preserving trail access in the case of a discontinued road. Mr. Partington said this was a complicated issue and would have to be discussed with Attorney Campbell.

42 Discussion followed on making trails ADA compliant and on recycling stormwater. Chair Monson
43 felt a lot of these issues could be tied to the section on low impact development. He said this had been
44 adopted in the site regulations but not in the ordinances surrounding sub-divisions.
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46 **Mr. Bradley joined the meeting at 7:55**
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48 The checklist for the digital application folders will be posted for public comment at the next
49 meeting. The board will start using it now. Chair Monson asked that the applicants for the open board and
50 sub-committee positions be scheduled for the next meeting as well.
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52 Chair Monson confirmed the boards interest in pursuing surveying the residents for the creation of
53 a new master plan. Mr. Cross said he was working on streamlining the questions and presented his "Make
54 your voice heard," marketing strategy for the survey. Vice Chair Carpenter said Ms. Bottai did not think a
55 ballot style survey would work but that the board could ask the town moderator for a table in the lobby of
56 the high school they day of the election. Mr. Bradley said the survey would need to be very concise to get
57 the highest number of respondents. Vice Chair Carpenter suggested asking residents for help with the
58 survey creation. Mr. Cross said he would work on cleaning up the questions that had been compiled so far.
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60 **Ms. Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. The motion**
61 **was passed with the following roll call vote:**

62 **Chair Monson, aye**

63 **Vice Chair Carpenter, aye**

64 **Mr. Bradley, aye**

65 **Ms. Mason, aye**

66 **Mr. Cross, aye**

67 **Mr. Partington, aye**